

## THE DINKINS KILLING.

CARD FROM MARSHALL, ET AL'S. ATTORNEYS.

They Desire to Correct an Erroneous Impression That Militates Against Their Client's Pardon.

Vicksburg, Dec. 14.—Counsel for Messrs. Marshall, Coleman and Fox published today in the columns of the evening post the following card:

"Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 14, 1895.  
"To the public:

"Seeing that the action of Messrs Marshall, Fox and Coleman in pleading guilty to the indictment for the murder of R. T. Dinkins has been by the press and people in some parts of the State misconstrued and has deterred many from joining in the application by them to the Governor for pardon, we (their attorneys) feel it is to be due these young men as well as the public that we state the reasons why that course was advised.

"In the first place the killing was freely admitted, and there could be no denial of it. There was no defense which could be set up, therefore, unless it should be the provocation which led up to the killing, viz: The charge by Dinkins of brutal conduct on the part of Marshall. This was the only charge which could have been suggested as a defense, and it could not have availed either Coleman or Fox even if admissible in behalf of Marshall.

"But it was not such matter as the court could by law or practice have admitted in evidence in Marshall's favor. This we all knew and recognized to be the law, as it undoubtedly is and every lawyer knows. We were given to understand that no continuance of the trial would be granted unless upon legal grounds, and there were no such grounds. Under these circumstances there was nothing left but to take what could not be avoided by a trial and appeal for a pardon to the Governor, whose province it is in such cases to consider every fact, whether a legal defense or not in mitigation of the offense. We advised the plea of guilty with the full and un concealed purpose to make such an application and supposed that this would have been understood by everybody, and are greatly surprised to find that some persons attribute to the course taken an admission by Marshall of guilt of the Dinkins charge. We did not consider the question of whether there could be found and produced any evidence of the truth of that charge, and advised without reference to it, and Marshall did not know that any one pretended that the charge was true.

Mr. Marshall refused to plead guilty until assured by us that we did not think guilt of the Dinkins charge would be implied by his doing so. Such was our opinion. We had not the least doubt of his innocence of the charge, and have not now, and write this card to correct what seems to be an impression to the contrary in some quarters.

L. W. MAGRUDER,  
S. S. CALHOUN,  
T. C. CATHCINS,  
H. C. MCCABE,  
MARIE DARNLEY.

This card was commented upon at length by the paper, as was the following local item also appearing in its columns:

"It will be remembered that on Oct. 21, 1895, a card was published by the brothers of the late R. T. Dinkins in reference to the application being signed for the pardon of Marshall, Fox and Coleman, in which they said, among other things, that at the time the trial was to have been had they felt cap-a-pie to prove the truth of the charges made against Marshall by their brother. Subsequently, on Nov. 11, 1895, Marshall published a card to the public, asking that the proof of the charges be produced and published, and vigorously denied the truth of the statement of the Dinkins brothers as to their having such proof, and denying that there was such proof. The startling development is now made by the affidavit of two citizens of Vicksburg to the effect that efforts had been made on November 25, 1895, about two weeks after Marshall's card was published, to se-

cure two witnesses in Vicksburg for \$500 to testify to Marshall's guilt of said charge, with the assurance that the names of such witnesses should not be made known to any one except the Governor, to whom the affidavits were to be given.

The affidavits above referred to were placed in the hands of the attorneys of Marshall, Fox and Coleman, and by them have been filed with Gov. Stone as a preliminary to the filing of an application for pardon."

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any relief from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Harvey & Roby.

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The post office at Hondo Canyon, Bandera county, was one morning found broken open and looted of all its contents. The post office is here a rather a primitive affair, conducted in a small room, and having but little work to perform.

From the bold character of the burglary, however, it was concluded by the official that a desperate lot of rogues were operating in the neighborhood, and that the community should hunt them down at all pains. Accordingly a lot of blood hounds retained for such work were put on the trail of the parties who had committed the robbery, and a posse of citizens followed in hot pursuit. Before the dogs had proceeded far, however, they were given no end of trouble in keeping the trail, losing it at every creek, and finding it again only after the most persistent search. Similarly, they often lost it at trees, and the party in each case concluded that they had treed their game, only to find, after the most painstaking search, that the pursued were not in the tree, but had gone on, the dogs finding the trail at the base of another tree whose boughs were in reach of those of the tree to which the dogs had followed the trail. This convinced the searching party that they were in pursuit of most desperate and experienced criminals, and deepened their curiosity and eagerness.

Finally the dogs came to the mouth of a cave in the canyon, and it was evident to the party that they had at last found their game, and that there was possibly a fierce and unrelenting fight on hand. Instead of the expected bloodthirsty criminals, however, a little boy and girl, aged 13 and 14 respectively, brother and sister, belonging to a family who dwelt in the community, made their appearance at the mouth of the cave, the boy with a Winchester rifle in his hands, who proposed capitulation. The party capitulated.

In fact, they were in such amazement that for a while they were unable to figure the case out and connect the little ones with the robbery. They explained, however, that they had done the deed and the methods they had taken to elude pursuit of the bloodhounds, taking to the creeks and then again climbing trees and letting themselves down the boughs, and sometimes climbing to the next trees, when the limbs permitted, to make the era of search as big as possible. They had taken away a wallet and stored it with provisions.

It was apparent that the little ones had been reading a class of fiction not conducive to the cultivation of the right standard of living, and that the same had built up strong ideas in their young minds. They had broken open the post office with an ax, rifled it of its postage stamps, which were found in their possession, and packed away on a thrilling journey of escape. The little ones were released on the recommendation of the district attorney by reason of their tender age, and their parents were given an opportunity to reflect over the power of printed words.

Of the many curious cases that come under the attention of a chief

directing the operations of the post office detective service in such a large area as that within Mr. Dice's control, the inspector chief says this is possibly the most remarkable in his experience. These children had executed with the daring and ingenuity of mature years the exploit that might have reasonably been expected from a hardened and experienced crook.

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December 5, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Circuit Clerk of Attala county, at Kosciusko, Miss., on Jan. 20, 1896, viz: Andrew L. Seawright of McCool, Miss., H. E. No. 19275 for the S E q of N W q of Sec. 29 T 16 N R 9 East.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. R. McGee, John W. Winters, Columbus Black, Philip Proctor, all of McCool, P. O. Attala county, Miss.

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